

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56529

Masahiko YAMADA

Appln. No.: 09/482,896

Group Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.: 7640

Examiner: DASTOURI, MEHRDAD

Filed: January 14, 2000

For:

METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND RECORDING

MEDIUM FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated July 14, 2003, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-21 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant will file Divisional Applications directed to non-elected claims 22-45 (Group II) and another divisional application directed to non-elected claims 46-54 (Group III).

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claim 55-99 (Groups IV and V).

Respectfully submitted,

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